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SUBJECT: POL

REF: VIENTIANE 0493

1. BASED ON OUR CONVERSATION WITH MANAGERS ESSO AND SHELL COMPANIES, IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THAI PROCEDURES FOR EXPORT OF POL PRODUCTS TO LAOS ARE AS FOLLOWS: POL COMPANIES SUBMIT 15 DAYS EXPORT PLAN ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE TO OIL CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. OIL COMPANIES HAVE DONE SO. UPON APPROVAL OIL CONTROL COMMITTEE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY THROUGH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, SENDS APPROVAL TO NATIONAL BANGK TO VALIDATE EXPORT DOCUMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS FORWARDED ITS APPROVAL TO NATIONAL BANK AND NATIONAL BANK APPROVAL NOW EITHER BEING GIVEN OR IS PENDING.

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2. ONLY LIMITED SUPPLIES DURING THIS WEEK HAVE CROSSED

BORDER POSTS AT NONG KHAI, MUKDAHEN AND UBON FOR VIENTIANE, SAVANNAKHET AND PAKSE RESPECTIVELY. POL SUPPLIES, PARTICULARLY MOGAS, AGAIN HAVE BECOME CRITICAL. THERE IS NO MOGAS EITHER IN SAVANNAKHET OR PAKSE AND ONLY LIMITED SUPPLIES IN VIENTIANE AND POL STATIONS HAVE LONG LINES WAITING TO OBTAIN MOGAS.

3. TO AVOID ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ACERBATING LATENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY BY STUDENTS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THAI FORMALITIES BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM AND CUSTOMS BORDER STATIONS BE ADVISED OF APPROVALS GIVEN BY OIL CONTROL COMMITTEE. AS PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT, LAOS CONSUMPTION OF POL PRODUCTS ARE INCLUDED IN OVERALL CRUDE OIL ALLOCATIONS TO THAILAND AND IN FACT DO NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THAI CONSUMPTION.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEPOTS OF ESSO AND CALTEX ARE FULL AND SHELL OVERFLOWING HENCE THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE REASON WHY POL PRODUCTS CANNOT FLOW INTO LAOS. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY BANGKOK EFFORTS BUT URGE THAT FOR NEXTTWO WEEKS UNTIL NEW SYSTEM HAS HAD CHANCE TO WORK OUT WHATEVER KINKS THERE MIGHT BE, DAILY FOLLOW-UP WITH RESPECTIVE THAI AUTHORITIES IS DESIRABLE TO ASSURE THAT WE DO NOT HERE HAVE A POL CRISIS WHICH TO OUR MIND IS AVOIDABLE AND UNNECESSARY. WHITEHOUSE

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